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January 5, 1949

THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

NSC Review Completed

Honorable James E. Webb
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D. C.

Charles E. Starnes
Assistant Director for Administrative
Management, Bureau of the Budget.

Dear Mr. Webb:

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For your information and use I am attaching two copies of Recommendation to the President No. 13 by the National Security Resources Board (NSRB-R-13, October 27, 1948). I am today writing to the heads of the various agencies involved in order that this recommendation may be implemented as rapidly as possible.

This letter constitutes your official notification to proceed with the assignments that accrue to the Bureau of the Budget in Sections 2 and 3 of NSRB-R-13. You will note from former Chairman Arthur M. Hill's letter of transmittal to the President dated October 27, 1948, that both of these steps in the recommendation involve short-term emergency aspects, although they are included in this recommendation as a part of a master plan. The Board will soon have before it for consideration an emergency plan which implements this master plan recommendation. However, pending action on the emergency plan should in no way defer the action of your agency under Sections 2 and 3 of NSRB-R-13.

In order that you may be fully informed on the steps that I am taking to implement this recommendation, I am attaching copies of my letters of this date to Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Administrator, Federal Works Agency, and Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant 3d, Chairman, National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

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The National Security Resources Board staff is being instructed to follow progress in carrying out the specific steps in NSRB-R-13, and for reporting to the President on such progress. The responsibility of the NSRB staff in this connection has been assigned to Mr. Gayle W. Arnold, Assistant Director, Office of Production, and Mr. I. D. Brent, Director of the Industrial and Governmental Dispersion Division, who will coordinate for NSRB the activities of the various agencies involved in the implementation of this recommendation. Messrs. Roger Jones and Leo Martin of the Bureau of the Budget participated regularly on the interagency committee that developed the recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Steelman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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